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SUBJECT: SOUTH NORTH RELATIONS: COORDINATING COMMITTEE

1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR RANARD, KNRC VICE PRESIDENT LEE BUM SUK MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON FUTURE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

2. ACCORDING LEE, ROK CIA DIRECTOR YI HU RAK HAS TOLD HIM THAT EVENTUALLY ALL OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE REPLACED. YI HU RAK ALSO INDICATED IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE NAME AND STRUCTURE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE. AS CONSEQUENCE YI HU RAK TOLD LEE HE MUST REMAIN IN HIS HPOST AS CHIEF RED CROSS NEGOTIATOR SINCE THAT CHANNEL MAY BE ONLY LINK WHILE NEW MODALITIES RE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ARE ARRANGED, (LEE BUM SUK SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED TO YI DESIRE TO BE RELIEVED FROM RED CROSS POST).

3. AEE BUM SUK ESTIMATED THAT, WHATEVER THE NEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENT, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS UNTIL AFTER
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UNGA DEBATE ON KOREAN QUESTION.

4. WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY
CLEMENTS' SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK,
PARK ALSO COMMENTED THAT AFTER UNGA ROK WOULD
PROPOSE CHANGING COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
AS MEANS TO GET TALKS GOING.
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